

Course Title	Applied Graduation Thesis				
Course Code	MBA 800				
Course Type	COMPULSORY				
Level	MASTER				
Year / Semester	Year 2 / Semester 6				
Teacher's Name	All Full-Time faculty will be involved depending on the topic of the Applied Graduation Thesis				
ECTS	10	Lectures / week	6 hours for one day as a workshop /seminar	Laboratories / week	
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The purpose of this course is to enable students to demonstrate their ability to do independent scientific research on the master's level.</p> <p>Specifically, the course objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to formulate a problem statement and translate this problem into relevant research questions; • to find the appropriate (scientific) literature independently; • to be able to judge the literature in a critical way; • to develop an adequate research design; • to collect data and to analyze these data (if applicable); • to apply the knowledge and insights from the relevant research to a real-life problems; 				
Learning Outcomes	<p>On completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the chosen research question, area of research, and related methodical issues • identify a research area and develop a theoretical frame of reference within a specific field • justify the chosen research method with reflection on alternative methodological approaches • apply appropriate data collection methods (primary, secondary) for the collection of research material • draw conclusions and discuss the thesis's theoretical contribution to the selected research area and suggest practical recommendations to relevant stakeholders • present proposals for future studies based on the conducted study • discuss societal and ethical issues of relevance for the thesis • communicate the main arguments, contents and results of the study in a scholarly manner • defend the thesis 				

Prerequisites		Required	
Course Content	<p>The MBA 800 course proves the students' independent abilities to investigate an issue within the fields of business administration. The emphasis lies on the critical choice of method, the creation of a relevant theoretical frame, and an in-depth analysis of the theoretical and empirical material. Initially, the student must identify a possibility to contribute to the existing body of knowledge in a chosen subject or problem area, and make a significant and realistic effort to make this contribution. The methodology discussions must be clearly connected to the problem area and the different parts must be well integrated into a meaningful unity.</p>		
Teaching Methodology	<p>Blended (online or in-person meetings).</p> <p>A “Thesis Clinic” will be offered to students prior to the write-up of the thesis during the last semester of their studies. It will be in the form of a workshop/seminar and it will last 6 hours for one day.</p> <p>The MBA 800 course implies online and personal presence for supervision, participation in seminars, and collaboration with a thesis supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s).</p> <p>Students are expected to assume some part of the responsibility for defining the agenda of discussion within MBA 700 and for organizing (compulsory) online or in-person meetings with their supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s).</p> <p>Thesis supervision is fitted, as much as possible, to the particular research interests of individual students; the course also allows students to operate creatively and independently. To this end, supervisors and co-supervisors may be drawn from any of the MBA departments (entire faculty).</p> <p>Optional: Attend Thesis Writing Workshops for Master students, organized by the faculty</p>		
Bibliography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thesis guide 2. Bell, J. & Waters, S. (2014). Doing Your Research Project: A Guide for First-Time Researchers. 6th edition. Open University Press. 3. Ghauri, P. & Grønhaug, K. (2020) Research Methods in Business Studies. Cambridge University Press. 		
Assessment	<p>The Master's Thesis is examined through authoring and defending an independent work (to be able to continue with the MBA 800 course, research proposal must be approved by a supervisor(s) within first 3 weeks since the onset of the course).</p> <p>The step-by- step progress of the writing process of the thesis is assessed every 4th week.</p> <p>Overall, the MBA 800 course is assessed based on the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written report (independent work with process evaluation included): 75% • presentation and oral defense: 25% 		

Language	English
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